

RESOLUTION NO. 08-37

WHEREAS, The Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) is a citizens board appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and is required to make budget recommendations for higher education funding to both the Governor and the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, These recommendations are to be based on a review and evaluation of the operating and capital budget requests from the four-year institutions and the community and technical college system and how well these requests align with the board's budget priorities, the missions of the institutions, and the statewide strategic master plan for higher education; and

WHEREAS, The board adopted the *2008 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education* where it described its vision, goals, and specific proposals for improving the higher education segment of the state's education system; and

WHEREAS, The strategic master plan includes three goals: (1) raise educational attainment to create prosperity and opportunity, (2) promote economic growth and innovation, and (3) monitor and fund higher education for results; and

WHEREAS, The board has identified budget priorities linked to meeting the goals identified in the strategic master plan for the 2009-11 operating and capital budgets; and

WHEREAS, The citizen governing boards of the public higher education institutions have submitted operating and capital budget requests for the 2009-11 biennium; and

WHEREAS, The board recognizes the need to: (1) sustain the quality of higher education, (2) keep the focus on the long-term goals of the state strategic master plan, and (3) take those steps now toward reaching the 10-year master plan goals that have the greatest potential to address long-term state economic and demographic needs; and

WHEREAS, The board has identified an approach to sustain quality and competitiveness, meet the critical economic safety-net needs, and support high yield strategic master plan investments; and

WHEREAS, The public baccalaureate institutions and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges presented their respective 2009-11 capital and operating budget requests to the board at its meeting of July 21-22, 2008; and

WHEREAS, The board's fiscal committee has reviewed the budget requests of the public baccalaureate institutions and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and has developed budget recommendations for the board's consideration; and

WHEREAS, The board recognizes the worsening economic conditions facing Washington state;
and

WHEREAS, The budget requests and recommendations for the 2009-11 budget are for a two-year period, the board's recommendations reflect necessary steps to achieve ten-year strategic goals; and

WHEREAS, The board has reviewed and approved the recommendations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the board hereby adopts the 2009-11 operating and capital budget recommendations as proposed by the fiscal committee and directs that these recommendations be submitted to the Governor and Legislature for consideration.

Adopted:

November 21, 2008

Attest:

Bill Grinstein, Chair

Roberta Greene, Secretary